whether the Principal of the Maharaja's College is under the Director of Public Instruction?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Yes.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.— Can the Director of Public Instruction take any disciplinary action against the Principal or does he want the sanction of the Government?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The Director of Public Instruction can take disciplinary action with the sanction of the Government.

Removal of Dr. A. R. Menon, Chairman, Trichur Municipal Council.

32. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they sent a notice to the Trichur Municipal Chairman Dr. A. R. Menon to show cause why he should not be removed from his office;

(b) whether Dr. A. R. Menon submitted a statement or explanation defending his conduct in office;

(c) whether the ex-Diwan Mr. Herbert recorded his finding on the matter after hearing Dr. Menon;

(d) whether they have passed final orders on the matter;

(e) whether they will place copies of the notice, statement, finding and final orders referred to above on the table?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.— (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes.

(e) The correspondence is confidential and cannot be placed on the table.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Sir, what is the use of our coming here if every information that is required from the House can be shelved on the plea that the correspondence is confidential?

Mr. President.—The Hon'ble Member must decide that for himself.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I am asking the Government for information. It is not a matter of opinion. Whether every question from this House can be shelved is not a matter of opinion. It cannot be said that it is confidential under the Rules or Standing Orders.

Mr. President.—If the Hon'ble Member is dissatisfied with the answers of the Government he can say so either inside the House or outside the House.

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Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—In view of the fact that this question relates to a city father being. . . .

Mr. President.—The Hon'ble Member will ask any supplementary questionif he has any.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.— I was asking a supplementary question. In view of the fact that the question relates to a city father—a city father is a typical representative of the people—who has been compelled to resign, it is a question for giving information.

Mr. President.—The city father has not been compelled to resign.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Was the finding of the Ex-Diwan in favour?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—That is confidential.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.— Was his explanation found satisfactory?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—The matter contained in the explanation is confidential.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.— May I know whether the Government were satisfied with the explanation rendered by the Doctor?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—I have already answered that the conclusionsarrived at are confidential.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—May I know whether he has rendered meritorious service to the Municipality?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—He might have done meritorious service.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കൃട്ടി.— അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ സ്റ്റേറുമെന്റു വാസ്തവമാണെന്നു ഗവമ്മെൻറു വിചാരിയ്ക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. വി. സുബ്രഹ്മണ്യയ്യർ.— അതിനെപ്പറ്റിയുള്ള കറസ്പാണ്ടൻസു കാൺഫിഡൻഷ്യലാണു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കൃട്ടി.— അദ്ദേഹം സ്റ്റേറുമെൻറു സമർപ്പിച്ചിട്ടാണു് രാജികൊടുത്തതു്. അതു ശരിയായിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു ഗവമ്മെൻറിനുദ്ദേശമുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. വി. സുബ്രഹ്മണ്യയ്യർ.— അതാണു് കാൺഫിഡൻഷ്യലാണെന്നു പറഞ്ഞതു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കൃട്ടി.— അദ്ദേഹം പൊതുജനങ്ങളെ മനസ്സിലാക്കിക്കൊണ്ടു് ഒരു സ്റ്റേറുമെൻറു കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടു്. അതു ശരിയാണോ എന്നാണു ചോദിയ്ക്കുന്നതു്.

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Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.— What was the reason for initiating such proceedings against him?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—It was as the result of the audit of the Accounts of the Municipality.

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.— Were they the usual reports?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Whether before explanations were called for from him charges were framed against him?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is the Government sure that the Government took explanations on the audit report before charges were framed against him?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—Explanations were already taken in respect of other matters; with regard to the audit of the accounts no explanations were taken.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Am I to understand that the Government initiated proceedings on the audit report? Did the Government before initiating proceedings upon that report take any explanation upon that report from the Chairman?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—There were explanations with regard to other matters and previous audit reports. On that basis the charges were framed.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Action was taken upon a particular audit report; was that audit report sent to the person concerned and explanation taken before charges were framed against him?

Mr. President.—What are the charges referred to by the Hon'ble Member? There is nothing about charges in the question.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—There should be some reason why he should be removed. Is that the usual procedure everywhere?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—It is not obligatory on the part of the Government to ask for explanation on each and every point.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—What is the procedure on the Audit reports? Are they sent to the Municipal Officers concerned and explanations taken or extraordinary charges framed under the section 26 or so? Is the practice to issue extraordinary notices of removal on the basis of the audit reports for every year or for every three years?

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Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—Explanation has already been taken. Those matters relating to the audit report in question were already under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. President.—The Hon'ble Member has repeated the question six times.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—I thought that the Hon'ble Member did not understand the question or having understood the question is evading to give an answer.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon.—Is it the practice of the Government to place statements before the Council? How did Government come to know from the materials gathered that the Chairman should be removed from the Chairmanship?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—It is a hypothetical question.

Mr. President.—He was not removed. There were certain enquiries regarding the Chairman's conduct of the affairs of the Municipality by the Government. On the basis of the audit report charges were framed.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon.—Are we to understand that Dr. A. R. Menon was removed from the Council Chairmanship not fundamentally on the audit report?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—But there were other bases.

Mr. President.—I do not know if the Hon'ble Member understands the question and I myself did not understand it.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon.—Am I to understand that the Government have not been singularly able to take notice of the statement that was published in all the papers which the Chairman placed before the Council on the eve of his resignation?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—In this case the statement did not come to the Government.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon.—Is it not the practice of the Municipality to send the statement to the Government?

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ആർ. ഇയ്യുണ്ണി.— സാധാരണ ആഡിറ്റോ സ്പെഷ്യൽ ആഡിറ്റോ എങ്ങിനെയുള്ള ആഡിറ്റാണ നടത്തിയത്?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. വി സുബ്രഹ്മണ്യയ്യർ.— സ്പെഷ്യൽ ആഡിറ്റാണ്.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ആർ. ഇയ്യുണ്ണി.— തക്കതായ കാരണമില്ലാതെ വേറെ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറുകളിൽ സ്പെഷ്യൽ ആഡിറ്റ നടത്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

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മിസ്റ്റർ പി. പി. സുബ്രഹ്മണ്യയ്യർ.— ചെയർമാന്റെ കാര്യത്തിൽ ആക്ഷേപമുണ്ടായിരുന്നു. അതില്ലെന്നു പറയുന്നില്ല. ഹർജികൾ വന്നിട്ടുണ്ടോ എന്നുള്ള കാര്യത്തിലാണ് ഇല്ല എന്നു പറഞ്ഞതു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ആർ. ഇയ്യുണ്ണി.— ഡാക്ടർ മേനവന്റെ ഭരണം ശരിയായ നിലയിലല്ല നടക്കുന്നതെന്നു് ഗവമ്മെൻറിലേയ്ക്കു് എന്തെങ്കിലും ഹർജികൾ വരുക ഉണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ടോ; അതുമൂലമാണോ സ്പെഷ്യൽ ആഡിറ്റു് എന്നൊരു ആഡിറ്റു് മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിയിൽ ഉണ്ടായിട്ടുള്ളതു്?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. പി. സുബ്രഹ്മണ്യയ്യർ.— ഹർജികൾമൂലം വന്നിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു പറയുവാൻ ഇപ്പോൾ ഓർമ്മയില്ല; എന്നാൽ പലതും ശരിയല്ലെന്ന വിവരം ഗവമ്മെൻറിനറിവായിട്ടുണ്ടു്.

Mr. President.—I think action was taken on definite complaints.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Before serving the notice was the Chairman asked to show cause why he should not be removed?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—They did not ask for any explanation.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Why?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—It was not found necessary.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—What were the reasons?

M. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—There was no such thing under the Municipal Regulations.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen.—May I know why no explanation was taken?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—Usually that is the practice.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen.—What were the special considerations that made the Government to take no explanation?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—There was the Special Audit Report. No further information was required at that time.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen.—For this particular deviation?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—It was not found necessary to take explanation from the Chairman.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen.—That answer is very vague.

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Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—As a result of the reading of the special audit report, the Government were satisfied that no explanation was necessary at that moment.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen.—Then they could have removed him then and there.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ആർ. ഇയ്യുണ്ണി.— ഈ സ്പെഷ്യൽ ആഡിറു കഴിഞ്ഞ ശേഷം ഗൗരവതരമായ പല ചാർജ്ജുകളും മിസ്റ്റർ. എ. ആർ. മേനവന്റെ കായ്യത്തിലുണ്ടെന്നു ഗവമ്മെൻറിനു തോന്നീട്ടുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. വി. സുബ്രഹ്മണ്യയ്യർ.— ചില ന്യൂനതകളുണ്ടെന്നു ഗവമ്മെൻറിനു തോന്നീട്ടുണ്ട്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എം. ഇബ്രാഹിം.— സാധാരണ പതിവു വച്ചുകൊണ്ടു ഒരു എക്സ്റ്റൻഷൻ ചോദിയ്ക്കാത്തതിനു തക്ക കാരണമെന്താണെന്നു വേറെ ഒരു മെമ്പർ ചോദിച്ചതിനു മറുപടി പറയുവാൻ ഗവമ്മെൻറിനു ഭയമുണ്ടാകുമോ?

പ്രസിഡൻറു.— പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ടു.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എം. ഇബ്രാഹിം.— പറഞ്ഞിട്ടില്ല. (ചിരി.)

Free grant of timber—1110.

33. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.— Will the Government be pleased to state the names of persons to whom timber was given free in 1110 and the quantity given to each and the purpose for which it was given?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—A Statement containing the information is appended. (*Vide Appendix I*).

Appointment of Mr. K. Achyuta Menon as Diwan Peishkar.

34. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) when was Mr. K. Achyuta Menon appointed as Diwan Peishkar;

(2) when will he be confirmed;

(3) what was his pay at the time of appointment;

(4) what is his present pay?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.— (1) On 10th Kanni 1109, Mr. K. Achyuta Menon was appointed as Diwan Peishkar on probation.

(2) It is not possible for the Government to say when he will be confirmed.

(3) Rs. 550.

(4) Rs. 600.

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